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FORCED RECRUITMENT/GUERILLAS

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Includes articles on guerilla policy regarding forced recruitment, specific instances of forced recruitment, and consequences of resisting; includes treatment of deserters and traitors.

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